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1. PAST PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY US OFFICIALS ADVOCATING THE MAGNUSON BILL AND OTHER DRAFT LEGISLATION SUCH AS THAT CITED REF A HAVE ALWAYS RECEIVED PROMINENT AND FAVORABLE MEDIA COVERAGE IN ECUADOR. WHERE GOE SPOKESMEN HAVE TAKEN PUBLIC NOTE OF SUCH DEVELOPMENTS, THEIR REACTION HAS BEEN TO VIEW THEM AS A SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT TOWARD ECUADOR'S OWN TRADITIONAL AND VIGOROUSLY-STATED THESIS OF THE 200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA.

2. NEWS OF SUBJECT PROPOSED LEGISLATION WOULD NOT LIKELY HAVE THE EFFECT OF CHANGING THE GOE POSITION ON LOS; IT IS ALREADY ABOUT AS EXTREME AS ANY OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE CARACAS CONFERENCE AND, BUTTRESSED BY INTERNAL LEGISLATION,
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IT IS LIKELY TO REMAIN SO. CHIEF DELEGATE VALENCIA, IN A

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POST-CARACAS STATEMENT (REPORTED SEPTEL) SUMMARIZED THE GOE POSITION AS FOLLOWS: "(WE) MAINTAINED, FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END OF THE CONFERENCE, A SINGLE POSITION, FIRM AND INVARIABLE, UNCHANGEABLE AND CATEGORIC: THAT OF THE 200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA". HE NOTED THAT ECUADOR HAD BEEN SELECTED BY A CAUCUS OF LIKE-MINDED STATES TO "COORDINATE" THEIR POSITION IN ADVANCE OF THE GENEVA MEETING. HE ALSO WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT ECUADOR CLAIMS THE RIGHT -- AND CONCEDES TO ALL OTHER COASTAL STATES THE SAME RIGHT -- TO UNILATERALLY EXTEND TERRITORIAL JURISDICATION SEAWARD OUT TO ANY POINT UP TO 200 MILES. ANY US MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION WOULD THUS BE VIEWED AS LOGICAL, CORRECT, AND A CONFIRMATION OF ECUADOR'S POSITION. THE GOE IS WELL INFORMED OF PRO-200 MILE SENTIMENT IN THE US, AND IT OBVIOUSLY TAKES THE VIEW THAT TIME IS ON THE SIDE OF ECUADOR.

3. IN THE PAST, ECUADOR HAS TENDED TO VIEW THE US AS ONE OF ITS MAJOR OBSTACLES, IF NOT ITS CHIEF ANTAGONIST, IN LOS MATTERS. THIS NOT-UNJUSTIFIED VIEW HAS ALWAYS IMPACTED NEGATIVELY ON OUR ATTEMPTS TO DEAL WITH THE GOE ON FISHERIES AND LOS MATTERS. A SERIOUS AND WELL-PUBLICIZED MOVE TOWARD 200 MILES, EVEN IF RESISTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION AND STRICTLY LIMITED TO RESOURCE PROTECTION, MIGHT WELL HAVE THE UNLOOKED-FOR EFFECT OF LOOSENING THE GOE'S RIGID STANCE IN DEALING WITH US. MORE CONCRETELY, IT COULD WELL PROVIDE THE BASIS OF A QUID-PRO-QUO FOR ECUADOREAN SUPPORT OF US OBJECTIVES REGARDING NAVIGATION AND OVERFLIGHTGUARANTEES. BREWSTER

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